

- **An Invitation... (1-10)**

- A king hosts a wedding feast for his son.
- The king sends his servants to call them but they would not come.
- The king patiently sends other servants to announce “All things are ready.”
- Some didn't care!
- The king's patience runs out!
- The original guests proved unworthy!
- Servants sent to invite all!

Matthew 22:1-10



The Order of Service

Plurality: Common Humanity and Faith Sharing

August 29,2021

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Presbyter: Let us worship the Lord;

Presbyter: O Lord, open our lips:

Cong: **And our mouths shall sing forth your praise**

Presbyter: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Cong: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN—

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain : Great is Thy faithfulness ! Great is Thy faithfulness !
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me !

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside !

ADORATION

Presbyter: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Glory be to you, O Lord most High.

Cong: **Blessed is he who has come and is to come in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presbyter: Holy are you, O God

Cong: **Holy are you, O God**

Presbyter: Holy are you, O Almighty

Cong: **Holy are you, O Almighty**

Presbyter: Holy are you, O Immortal

Cong: **Holy are you, O Immortal**

Presbyter: O Lord, our redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us:

Cong: **O Lord, our redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us**

Presbyter: O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us

Cong: **O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us**

Presbyter: O Lord, accept our prayers and praises and have mercy upon us.

Cong: **O Lord, have compassion and mercy upon us.**

CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-I John 1: 8-9

Confessional Prayer

All: Almighty and most merciful God; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have been blinded by our own selfish ways and we failed to see your divine purpose. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have strayed away from your presence and sought the way of the world. We have offended

against your holy laws; we have failed to keep the covenant. We have left undone those things, which we should have done; and we have done those things, which we should not have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Help us to recognise your presence in our lives and by your word cleanse us. Spare them O God, who confess their faults. Restore them that are penitent according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and just life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Presbyter: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and remission for all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace **and** comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presbyter: Having been forgiven and made whole through our peacemaker, let us live together in peace. God's peace challenges us and guides us towards the acts of justice, peace, and integration of the whole creation. Let us say shalom to one another and greet each other with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

Presbyter: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Cong: And also, with you

(The peace shared through the gesture of Namaskara)

COLLECT: Almighty God, you created every human in Your own image. It is in eliminating the human barriers we enjoy the beauty of one humanity of the universal family. Help us to realize that in sharing our human concern with our brothers and sisters in need we affirm faith. Lead us to dwell together as one human, amidst pluralistic, diverse faith tradition. Strengthen Your people that we may understand this beauty of sharing our faith with one another in building the just society with righteousness and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever more. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament	:	Jonah	04: 01-11
Epistle	:	Act	08: 26-40
Gospel	:	Matthew	22: 01-14

ALLELUIA

CHORUS: Spirit of the Living God

MESSAGE:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Presbyter: The Lord be with you

Cong: **And with your spirit**

Presbyter: Lord have mercy upon us

Cong: **Christ, have mercy upon us**

Presbyter: Lord, have mercy upon us.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Presbyter: O Lord, Show your mercy upon us;

Cong: **And grant us your salvation**

Presbyter: Endow your ministries with righteousness;

Cong: **And make your chosen people joyful.**

Presbyter: O Lord, save your people.

Cong: **And give your blessing to your church.**

Presbyter: O Lord, be gracious to our country;

Cong: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.**

Presbyter: O Lord, guide our leaders;

Cong: **And give them wisdom from above.**

Presbyter: Give peace to the world, O Lord;

Cong: **And let your kingdom come on earth.**

Presbyter: O Lord, make us mindful of all in trouble and distress;

Cong: **And deliver those who are oppressed and marginalized.**

Presbyter: O God send your Holy Spirit upon us;

Cong: **And make clean our hearts within us.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

Presbyter: O God, who is the author of peace and lover of concord, in whose knowledge our eternal life stands, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us your humble servants from all assaults of evil; that we surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Presbyter: Lighten our darkness, we ask you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Presbyter: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presbyter: How very good and pleasant it is when people of God live together in unity! We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Cong: Now I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

HYMN:

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| 1. My faith looks upto Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary.
Saviour divine;
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine. | 3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide:
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside. |
| 2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me.
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be—
A living fire ! | 4. When ends life's transient dream—
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Saviour, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above—
A ransomed soul. |

Conclusion: 'Praise to Thy eternal merit Father, Son, and Holy Spirit'. **Amen.**

Presbyter: O Father you have given us a new and living way to offer ourselves to you. Though unworthy, we come to you as we are, by that way, your Son, Jesus of Nazareth; and in his name we ask you to accept and use us, and these gifts however it best pleases you. All that is created is yours and everything that we can offer already belongs to you. **Amen.**

Presbyter: May we all together say the prayer of the presence:

Cong: Be present, be present, O Jesus you good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT (ANAPHORA) BCW, pg. 207

Presbyter: The Lord be with you;

Cong: **And also, with you.**

Presbyter: Lift up your hearts;

Cong: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presbyter: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Cong: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presbyter: Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord, Holy Father. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth, and we were formed in your image. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus, you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples, friends, and partners. With his outstretched arms on the cross, and through his death he bore our sins and through his resurrection we are saved. And through your Holy Spirit you brood over chaos that we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and say your glory:

Cong: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

When the sinless One of his own will chose to suffer death for us sinners, he took bread in his holy hands.

Bless, O Lord.

He gave thanks (blessed+ sanctified) and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

`Amen.

In the same way, he took the cup.

Bless, O Lord

He gave thanks (blessed + sanctified) and gave it to his disciples saying: Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant for you and for many (for the forgiveness of sins). Do this in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

ANAMNESIS (Memorial of Christ's death and resurrection)

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's presence with us, we commemorate his death, we celebrate his glorious resurrection, we await his coming. May God's blessings be upon us all.

Christ has died.

Christ has rise

Christ will come again. Amen. Hallelujah.

EPICLESIS (invocation of the Holy Spirit)

Our heavenly Father, have mercy upon us, send your Holy Spirit to sanctify us, and this offering of bread and wine.

Lord have mercy (*thrice*)

May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in the Chalice that it may be the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All: Accept this our offering of praise and thanksgiving; make us one body Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom I the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be to you Almighty Father, world without end. Amen.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies and souls may be made clean by his most precious body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Presbyter: When we break the bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

Cong: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

Presbyter: When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life blood of Christ?

Cong: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

**Cong: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

The words of administration

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.
The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the true vine...

Presbyter: Having now by faith received the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Merciful God of all creation, Holy Father, of all people, who through our Lord Jesus Christ, united all things in his fullness. We join your whole creation, in exultant praise of your bountiful goodness. You have now touched us with new life, and filled us with new hope, that your reign will come, the hungry will be fed, that the oppressed will be set free from evil, that your reconciling work will be done, that love, and faithfulness will meet together, that justice and peace will kiss each other, and the whole creation will be filled with your glory. Amen.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be and unto our God forever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit you. The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen

CLOSING HYMN:

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| <p>1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I will not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.</p> <p>2. My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
Even for His own name's sake.</p> <p>3. Yea, though I walk through death's
dark vale
Yet will I fear no ill</p> | <p>For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.</p> <p>4. My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup over flows.</p> <p>5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling place shall be.
Amen.</p> |
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Presbyter: The Lord be with you

Cong: And also, with you.

Presbyter: Let us depart in peace

Cong: In the name of the father. Amen

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GOD BLESS YOU On Your Birthday...

- 29th Ms. Meera Jayaraj, Ms. Sarah Parker, Ms. Jean Shanmugam,
Mr. Fredrick McDonald, Mr. Thomas Sathiadass, Ms. Susan Pothan.
- 30th Ms. Wendy Cabalfin, Ms. Priscilla Williams, Mr. Allan Sebastian,
Mr. Abraham Thomas, Mr. John Jabaraj.
- 31st Mr. Arun Kumar, Mr. Nelson Lincoln, Ms. Nita Issac, Ms. Seraphine Maduram,
Mr. Samuel Rajan, Ms. Lily Michael, Mas. Advik Mohan.
- 1st Mr. Lawrence Nero, Ms. Bianca Zephirah. Mr. Daniel Kalimani,
Ms. Andrea Pigg, Mr. Adarsh Thompson, Mr. Puliyan Dhelepan,
Ms. Rachel Ebenezer.
- 2nd Mr. Jonas Prabhakar, Ms. Dianna Gabriel, Mr. Thomas Rex.
Mas. Rithin Immanuel, Mr. Raja Samuel, Ms. Belmont Andrew.
- 3rd Mr. Ernest Gurupatham, Mr. Randhir Luther, Mr. Arthur David,
Ms. Shoba Bangara, Mr. Roy George, Mas. Tarun Williams, Mas. Varun Williams,
Ms. Sylvia Jaganathan, Mas. Sujith Moses, Ms. Kiesha Gibin, Mr. Manohar Stanley,
Ms. Mary Roseline, Ms. Crystal Nelson, Mr. Devakumar Balachandran, Ms. Anshu Ram.
- 4th Mr. Rajesh Rajan, Col. Cariappa, Ms. Anjali Samuel, Mr. Thomas Mathew,
Mr. Charles Moses, Mr. Ajay Daniel, Mr. N. Ashwin, Ms. Vijila Malar,
Mr. John Kevin, Mas. Jaden Byford.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 29th Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew
- 30th Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick McDonald
- 31st Mrs & Mr. Allen Prabhu, Mr & Mrs. Vijaya Shankar T,
- 2nd Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Thomas
- 3rd Mr. & Mrs. Vijayanand Nelson, Mr.& Mrs. Isaac Manoharan Williams
- 4th Mr & Mrs. Gideon Jayaneson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOME to all the members of St. John's Church and families, those attending the service in the church as well as those participating from your homes, and on our YouTube channel. Thank you for worshipping with us.

EVERY SUNDAY, REGULAR SERVICE AT 9.00 AM AND 6.00 PM. Screening of members, who are attending the service, begins at 8.30 am and 5.30 pm respectively.

- * Kindly continue to pray for the ongoing restoration of the Church building.
- * Kindly contact the Church office for all official matters / clarifications / verification relating to the administration of the Church.
- * Kindly contact the Presbyter In-Charge, Rev. Navin K John for all Pastoral requirements.
- * Kindly remit your tithes/offerings/subscriptions/medical fund/ education fund, through the online payment portal by using the following links:

LINK FOR THE ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL	Bank details
https://donate.stjohnschurchblr.com/ .	Name of the account: CSITA ST JOHN'S CHURCH
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Visit the CHURCH WEBSITE <http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/> for the pew slip, announcements, and *Pulse* newsletters.

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NEW CHURCH EMAIL IDS

For better co-ordination and to streamline mails, St. John's Church has three new email ids, in addition to the existing email id sjchurchblr@gmail.com

- presbyter@stjohnschurchblr.com – for your pastoral needs (membership, baptism, marriage, burials, prayer meetings, counselling requests, etc.)
- accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com – for matters relating to accounts
- churchoffice@stjohnschurchblr.com -- official requests and correspondence of wings and sub-committees

PRAY FOR Mr. Joshua O’Kelly, Ms. Letitia Luther, Mr. John Luther, Ms. Joan Kishander, Mrs. Nalini Christudoss, Mrs. Geraldine Lincoln, Mrs. Sarojini Williams, Mrs. Violet Salins, Mr. Samuel Jesudas and Mr. Winston Gonzago.

Offertory Receipts
21.08-2021 to 27.08.2021

Subscription	2,87,300
Church Restoration	35,000
Offertory	26,770
Thank Offertory	12,710
Total	3,61,780
